some time as the problem has to be tackled on a politico-economic basis. The question of setting up of target will arise only after the finalisation of the plan.

(c) to (f) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

*[English]*

**Hindustan Latex Limited**

2383. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Latex, Trivandrum (Kerala) is earning profit;

(b) if so, the reasons for the piling of stocks in the public sector undertaking last year; and

(c) the action taken to streamline the functioning of the said undertaking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir, except for the year 1995-96.

(b) The company has reported that as on 31-3-1996 they had a balance stock of 94.57 Million pieces of condoms against sale of 562.83 Million Pieces of condoms and 2.06 Million Pieces of Copper-T against sale of 1.97 Million Pieces of Copper-T.

(c) The company is in the process of strengthening and expanding direct marketing of branded condoms and oral pills to supplement its sales to the Government for the Family Welfare Programme. In Government purchases HLL has to necessarily compete with a number of other manufacturers and therefore can hope to get orders for supply of only part of the total Government procurement.

*[Translation]*

**Employment to Unemployed Youth**

2384. SHRI SOHANBEER SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the migration of the educated unemployed youths from the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh to Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and other States for employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to provide employment to them in the hilly areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The major poverty alleviation programmes which provide employment are in operation throughout the country including hilly areas. Poverty alleviation programmes which provide employment in the rural areas are Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, two Poverty Eradication Schemes are in operation, namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme which also seek to provide employment. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas.

The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

*[English]*

**Sanitation in Hospitals**

2385. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lavatories of the staff and the doctors are cleaned regularly and others used by patients are being ignored in the Central Government hospitals;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the government have undertaken surprise visits to check the lavatories for cleanliness and also to check the availability of sanitary facilities in lavatories in the said Central Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, the number of visits conducted and the short-comings found and the action taken against those who are responsible for the lapses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) In Central Government hospitals, lavatories of staff and and doctors as well as the patients are cleaned regularly.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The position is reviewed constantly by the heads of Central Government hospitals for maintaining public hygiene and senitation in the hospitals. The Officers of Directorate General of Health Services pay surprise visits to the Central Government hospitals to to see their functioning including senitation arrangement.

**Compassionate Appointments**

2386. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government does not appoint immediately the dependants of the Government servant who die in harness;

b) if so, the reasons therefor;

c) whether the Government propose to relax the rules so that the family is not put to hardship; and

d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (d) In order to make compassionate appointments of the dependants of Government servant, who died in harness, the appointing authority has to examine the financial condition of the family of the deceased. If it is established that but for the provision of employment, the family will not be able to meet the crises, a job is to be offered to the eligible member of the family. No time-limit has been prescribed for making such appointments. The applicant for compassionate appointment should not only be eligible as per the recruitment rules but should also be found to be suitable for the post in all respects. However, educational qualifications can be relaxed temporarily for two years in exceptional circumstances for appointment at the lowest level. In case of widow appointed on compassionate ground to Group D posts, she may be exempted from the requirement of educational qualifications provided duties of the post can be satisfactorily performed. The widow appointed on compassionate ground is allowed to continue in service even after re-marriage. In terms of the scheme, the compassionate appointment can also be made in organisations other than one where the deceased was serving. As such, the scheme is flexible and responsive enough to obviate further relaxation.

**Loss Incurred by Atomic Energy**

2387. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy has incurred a heavy loss of Rs. 2300 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct an enquiry to fix the responsibility for the advance procurement of critical and long delivery items for the Nuclear Power Programme; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Advance procurement of critical and long delivery items of equipment and components for six 500 MWe Units and four 220 MWe Units was undertaken as part of the proposal to instal 10,000 MWe of nuclear power generating capacity by 2000 A.D. with due approvals. This was done to enable completion of the projects expeditiously by reducing the gestation period. Advance procurement of materials/equipments resorted to in this regard would not result in financial loss since these equipments and material would cost more now considering escalation, foreign exchange variation, rupee devaluation etc. even after taking into account interest and preservation charges. Financial constraints have prevented the timely utilisation of these. Hence the question of any enquiry into this does not arise.

*[Translation]*

**Vacant Post of Scheduled Tribe**

2388. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Scheduled Tribes Category wise lying vacant in the Department/Ministry of Electronics;

(b) whether persons from other categories are working on these posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to clear the entire backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY